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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant wishes to bring to the Examiner's attention, the following co-pending patent application:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/627,925, filed on July 28, 2003.

Applicant is enclosing a copy of this application. In accordance with MPEP 609, Sections C(2) and D (Pages 600-132-133) Rev. 1, Aug. 2001, (Ver. VIII), Applicant has not listed this pending application on a Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner indicate that this application has been considered by writing "all considered" on this Information Disclosure Statement.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), Applicant believes that this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted prior to issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fees are believed due as a result of this submission. However, in the event of any

variance between the fees determined by Applicant and those determined by the PTO, please charge any such variance to undersigned's Deposit Account No. 02-0375.

Respectfully submitted,

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